

# Nevada Communications Steering Committee (NCSC)



## NSCS History

With support from Governor Kenny Guinn in December 2002, the first NV Government Communications Conference became a reality. The success of the Conference, attended by over 100 county, city and government officials paved the way for the formation of the Nevada Communications Steering Committee (NCSC). Today, 5 months after conception, this 15-member committee meets regularly to discuss the planning and development of interoperable communications systems. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, are open to the public and are televised between Carson City and Las Vegas.

## NSCS Accomplishments

- Approved mission statement: *"It is the mission of the Nevada Communications Steering Committee to facilitate the planning, development and operation of interoperable communication systems for use between government officials and emergency response agencies in Nevada."*
- Approved definition of Interoperability: *"Interoperability is the ability of appropriate officials and personnel to communicate by radio across jurisdictions and with each other, as needed and in real time."*
- Formed a Technical Subcommittee that would support the NCSC by providing technical guidance for creating effective policies for communications interoperability. The Subcommittee is a 10-member group with representation from county, city and government agencies.

- Established the NSCS Website <http://ncsc.nv.gov/> All agendas, minutes, membership roster and articles of interest are posted to the site on a regular basis.

## **NSCS Activities**

At each monthly meeting, open to the public, agenda items have included the following:

- Grants – Keeping track of avenues for obtaining funds for the communication needs of the state. The NCSC has recently prepared and delivered a grant application to the Division of Emergency Management.
- Member Update/Coordination – Each month a member provides a presentation on an organization project that he/she is working on in order to exchange information and ideas with the group. Past projects discussed included an overview of the State's Microwave System as well as Washoe County's 800 MHz Regional Radio System.
- Technical Subcommittee Report – Each month the Chair of the Technical Subcommittee reports on its activities. The Subcommittee has been currently reviewing and discussing Project 25™ (a user driven effort to develop digital standards for wireless communications users.)
- Gartner Group Services made a presentation to the NSCS on System Planning and Interoperability at the July 1 meeting. (Copies are available upon request.)

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